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Attorney Docket No. 400388

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HAMADA et al.

Application No. 09/425,630

Filed: October 22, 1999

For: FLOW RATE MEASURING DEVICE

Art Unit: 2855

Examiner: C. Dickens

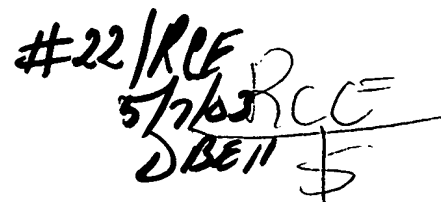
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.



Subsection (b) of 35 USC 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. ☐ Other:

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Form PTO-1449

v. ☐ Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449

vi. ☐ Other:

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

c. ☐ Other:

a. ☒ The following fees are enclosed:

i. ☒ RCE fee of \$750.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ One-month extension of time fee of \$110.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i))

iv. ☐ Other:

\$750.00

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED

\$750.00

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fees to Deposit Account No. 12-1216
- d. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

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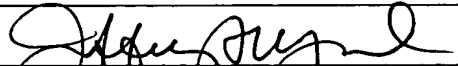
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Request For Continued Examination Transmittal

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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